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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Russell
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Russell County Court House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Northside of alternate Route 58, .8 miles West of intersection with Route 669.

CITY OR TOWN: Dickersonville vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Ninth, William C. Wampler

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

COUNTY: Russell

CODE: 167

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Virginia M. Faley (see continuation sheet)

RUSSELL COUNTY

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~718 Church Hill Road~~

CITY OR TOWN: ~~McClean~~ LEBANON

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Russell County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Lebanon

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D. C.

CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

I. General Statement:

A. Architectural character: The simple late eighteenth century rectangular stone court house is attached to the side of a more sophisticated brick farmhouse, which probably dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

B. Condition of fabric: The structure seems basically sound, but is in need of minor repairs and maintenance.

II. Description of Exterior:

A. Over-all dimensions: A three-bay, single-pile stone building is attached to a three-bay brick house with a three-bay rear wing.

B. Foundation: Both sections have a stone foundation.

C. Wall Construction: The court house is coursed rubble, but the facade has been refaced with field stone due to structural weakness. The farmhouse section is laid in Flemish bond on the front and sides and four stretcher American bond on the rear.

D. Porches: A single bay porch with turned posts and balusters with a single flight of cement steps shelters the front door of the farmhouse section. A long partially enclosed screened shed porch extends across the rear of the house.

E. Chimneys: An interior end chimney is featured at the salient ends.

F. Openings:

1. Doorways and doors: The front entrance to the farmhouse section consists of a fanlight, sidelights and a six-panelled door. A modern door with several horizontal glass lights has been installed in the courthouse wing and in the brick rear ell.

2. Windows: In the farmhouse section there are wooden double-hung windows with nine-over-six. Stuccoed flat arches are above the windows. The courthouse section has wooden double-hung windows with six-over-six lights.

G. Roof: a half-hipped roof covers the brick section and a gable roof covers the courthouse. Both roofs are covered with sheet metal.

III. Description of the Interior:

A. Floor plan: The courthouse retains its two-room single-pile plan. The side hall in the brick section serves as a central hall between the courthouse wing and the east room. The room in the ell is entered through the east room.

B. Stairways: A two-run, open-string stair with rectangular balusters ascends in the hall of the farmhouse. The original stair in the courthouse has been removed.

C. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster walls and ceilings are painted.

D. Doors: The remaining doors have six raised panels.

E. Trim: One room in the courthouse retains one wall of raised paneling with cabinets and a punch and dentil cornice.

F. Heating: Although fireplaces originally provided heat, stoves now serve that function. The remaining fireplace mantels in the brick section have tall and elegant proportions, wide molded shelves, plain friezes and pilasters.

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IV. Site:

A. General setting: The two-part structure stands facing south on a high bank above the county road and is framed by pastures and woodlands.

B. Outbuildings: Surrounding the building are various sheds, probably dating from the twentieth century, and a nineteenth century smoke-house.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The second court house of Russell County is one of the earliest public buildings in Southwest Virginia. The austere stone structure is a rare survival and gives an indication of the architectural character of the first court houses erected in this remote part of the Commonwealth. Although now a wing of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse, the building is well preserved and retains much of its original exterior and finely detailed interior trim. Russell County was formed in 1786 from Washington County and originally included the greater part of Southwest Virginia. Parts of all of Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, and Tazewell Counties once were within the boundaries of Russell.

The Russell County's court first met temporarily at Castle's Woods in 1786. Shortly afterwards the court accepted an offer from Henry Dickenson, the first clerk, to provide a sixty-two acre tract on which to locate a new court house. The first building was a log structure and was used until it burned in 1798. The second and present building was erected the following year across the road from the log building's site. The relocation of the county seat in Lebanon in 1818 brought an end to the hopes of the county magistrates of developing the area around the second court house. The impressive plans for a new town were abandoned and the old court house remained in an isolated rural setting.

Following the moving of the county seat the stone building was acquired by the Dickenson family who made it a wing to a two-story brick farmhouse put up in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. In the 1860's the property came into the possession of the Fugate family who were related to the Dickenson family and the house has belonged to them since that time.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36 °	50 ' 26 "	82 ° 14 ' 15 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Junius R. Fishburne, Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Title:

Date:

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date:

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date:

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Greensboro, North Carolina 27410

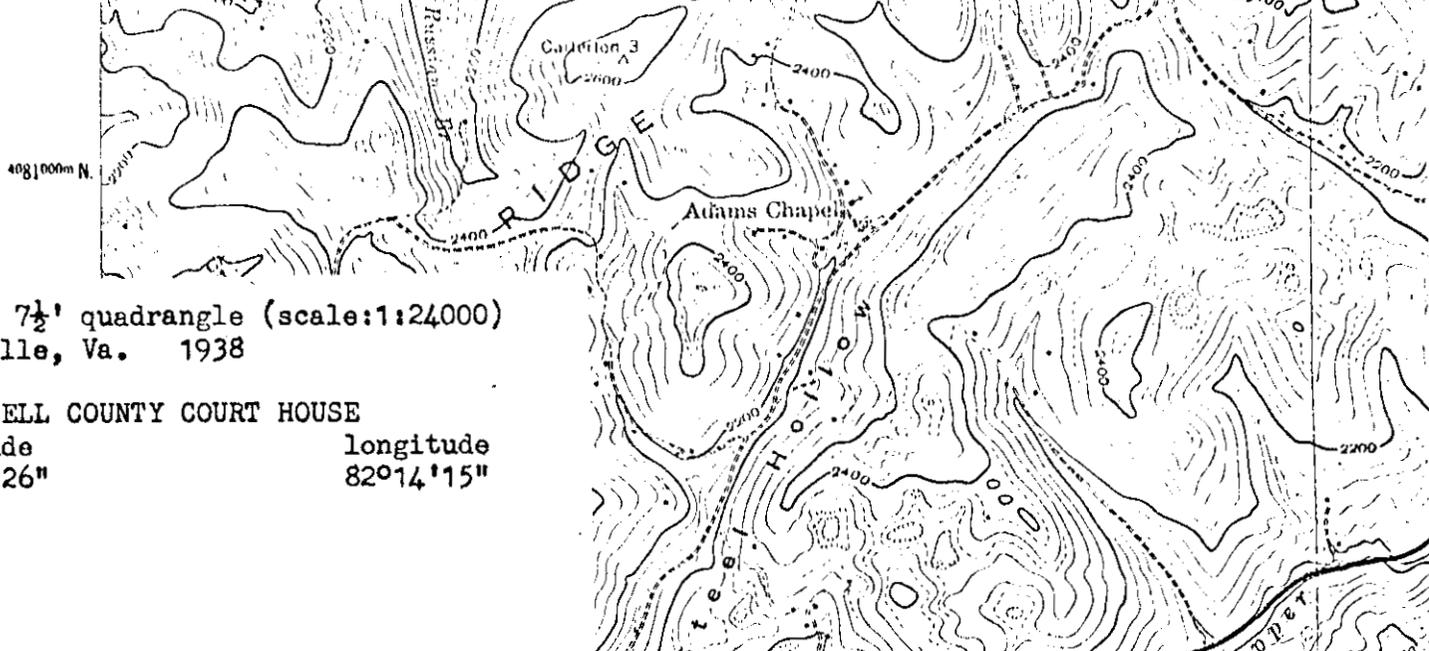
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



82° 15' 36° 52' 30" 389000m E 190 191 192 12' 30"



U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Hansonville, Va. 1938

OLD RUSSELL COUNTY COURT HOUSE

latitude
36°50'26"

longitude
82°14'15"

